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## Local talk show host brings more than talk to Gulls games

by Greg Eichelberger

Most East County AM radio listeners are familiar with his mellow tones, wry wit and mind-wracking questions, but since mid-February, San Diego Gulls hockey fans have been getting a taste of just what "Mr. Trivia," Mike Cook, is all about.

The El Cajon resident, who hosts the number one KFMB Saturday night show, "Hooked On Trivia" (7 - 10 p.m.) has recently brought his popular brand of true-false queries back to the Sports Arena during Wednesday and Friday evening contests.

He broadcasts in the Arena Club during the first intermission, and in Section 8A during the second break.

Crowds gather in both venues, and, if they are smart or lucky enough to answer correctly such brain-teasing challenges as "The Village People never had a Number One song on the singles chart; the US hockey team defeated Canada in the 1960 Olympic finals;" and "Fernando Valenzuela won the Rookie of the Year and the Cy Young Award in 1981," among others, with a simple yes or no, then they receive up to six ducats to the next Gulls home game.

This is even more exciting

now that the team is in the middle of a playoff run for a second straight Taylor Cup title.

Two repeat winners, Anthony Sitongia and Garrett Kinsey, both 16-year-old juniors at Helix High School, love the chance to pick up some free tickets just for exercising a little grey matter.

"I don't always win," said Sitongia. His friend is far less modest, though, and has claimed over a dozen free passes to several recent home games.

"I've won six out of seven times," he beamed. He added that it's a lot of fun and a bit of a challenge, but he's been pretty lucky, so far.

His streak continued that evening as he picked up six more tickets during the contest held in the Arena Club, before over 100 enthusiastic viewers.

Two other, much younger players, Lemon Grove's Nicole Dahlstrom, along with her pal, Trisha Farrell, both 12-years-old pupils at Palm Middle School, also came back to this area triumphant.

"I love the Gulls, especially Kevin St. Jacques (#16), and I like to answer these questions," said Farrell. The two friends won three tickets each to the first game against Bakersfield.

Assisted by a Gulls intern, Cook, looking like Kenny Rogers on a Barona Casino stage in front of the room, asks a question, and those who think the answer is false step to one side of him, while those who believe it is a true statement step to the other side.

In some cases, depending on the trickiness of the inquiry, more than half the contestants can be eliminated immediately. After this has gone on for several rounds, the remaining few are awarded their prizes and become eligible to compete in a play-off to win even more tickets.

During the second intermission, Cook, stationed next to the facility's organ, asks just one question to each person, giving each correct rejoinder two more tickets.

"It's a lot of fun for everyone involved," said Cook, who first started his trivia show on El Cajon station KMJC on Nov. 5, 1983, as a movie and television soundtrack quiz (he later added regular trivia to supplant the music) before moving to KCEO, KSDO and, finally, KFMB, a 50,000-watt powerhouse that has pulled in callers from as far away as Arizona, Nevada, Oregon and Washington.

Cook noted that it's sort of a mini version of our radio show,



Helix High School's Garrett Kinsey (right) racks his brain for the correct answer to a question posed by KFMB's Mike Cook at a recent Gulls game.

Photo by Greg Eichelberger

in that he just asks real, quick true-false questions to give as many people as possible a chance to win. He said he'd love to give out even more passes than he does.

Participants in his weekly program answer a "regular" question, a true-false and play a game (movie lines, countdown, categories, word clues, music guessing, etc.) in an effort to reach 1000 points.

All who achieve that goal are placed in a random drawing, conducted at the end of the show, for over \$300 in sponsor-donated prizes, most of which are based in the East County area, a happy remnant of his KMJC days.

Along with his wife, Joyce, who screens the calls on Saturday nights and handles the prize notifications; his son, Troy, who, at 16, is already a veteran of the radio wars; and his daughter, Tara, born while the show was on the air 11 years ago, Cook has made this usually slash-and-burn, cut-throat, business a true family affair.

His other children, Gigi and Byron, are currently grown. Even his callers, such as

KFMB's Program Director Dave Sniff, grew up listening to the broadcasts, the longest-running program of its kind anywhere in the world.

Cook said that he has enjoyed his relationship with this station, this hockey team and the entire San Diego community immensely and that he'd like to have more time on his show, but he has to take the slot he's given.

The upcoming Padres season will also cut into this time. He said, "it's the price of success."

Promising to do the show until he dies, Cook, who also owns his own production company, is proud to participate in these home games, as well as to give San Diegans something to think about, and possibly make them just a little more intelligent in the process.

Depending on the Gulls post-season success, the games will continue on Wednesday and Friday nights until the end of the season.

To find out more about the schedule of "Hooked On Trivia," during baseball games, call KFMB at 292-7600 or 570-1776, during working hours.

## Former FBI agent Bob Sterling now a respected member of sports media

by Joe Naiman

In 1988, after 30 years as the FBI's supervisor of short wave, Bob Sterling, then age 68, took a job with a Philadelphia-based wire service called "The Sports Network." Nine years later, Sterling still works for them.

During that time, Sterling also served as the circulation manager of the Allied Gardens Examiner, a community weekly.

When Sterling retired from the government position, he was able to land a job as the sports director for KECR, a local radio station.

He also worked for Cox Cable and was the first employee to remain for at least 10 years in the marketing department.

His volunteer activities included eight years of service on the board of directors of the Charger Backers and 12 years as the Padres' chaplain coordinator, the latter earning him honors from the Padres last August. He is also a charter member of the Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association of San Diego.

Sterling wrote a book, titled *Athletes Tell their Most Un-*

forgettable Moment in Sports, which contained interviews of athletes Sterling met in the 1970s and 1980s.

Sterling doesn't have one particular unforgettable moment which he's witnessed. "I've got too many of them," he said.

In addition to his age, Sterling has overcome two serious health problems 43 years apart. Sterling notes that he is "probably one of the few people in the world that has had to go on a respirator for two separate reasons."

He had polio in 1948 and recovered, and spent eight months in the hospital in 1991 after suffering an abdominal aorta aneurism.

After his surgery from the aneurism Sterling resided in Lakeside with one of his daughters. He moved to Descanso, when, the daughter with whom he resides moved there; he has two other daughters who live in Descanso and a son who lives in Australia. He has six grandchildren with a seventh on the way.

In addition to his professional activity, Sterling also has what he believes is one of the largest pin collections in San Diego. His

specialties are sports, Disney and hot air balloons.

While he doesn't keep track of the exact number of pins, he has 105 frames, containing 5 to 15 pins apiece, just in his bedroom. Sterling has been collecting pins since 1986 and noted that he received about 60 pins from Bill Wilson, the stadium manager, which started his collection.

During the 1996 Olympics, Sterling's collection of Olympic pins were displayed in the San Diego Hall of Champions; after the Olympics, Sterling loaned the hall some of his baseball pins.

He also owns a baseball memorabilia collection which was displayed in the Padres' offices last year.

Sterling was born March 5, 1920, and grew up in the southwest Michigan town of Hartford. He majored in general education at Kalamazoo College.

One other interesting item about him. He was the only orchestra leader in the FBI's history, having organized a 16-piece band which played for soldiers during World War II.

He first came to San Diego in 1942 for his job with the FBI.

## Businesses respond to CIF sports sponsorship program

There is a new program in the San Diego CIF section to obtain business sponsorship for high school sports to offset the increasing costs of conducting section championships.

The San Diego CIF office stated recently that the program has gotten off to a good start.

In the initial phase, a total of more than \$8,000 has been contributed by Trader Publications, Cubic Corp., Scribe & Lens, Terry McIntyre, Gymbiny Kids, Inc., Peninsula Bank, San Diego County Basketball

Officials Assoc., North County Basketball Officials Assoc., San Diego County Baseball Umpires Assoc. and Rancho Bernardo High School Athletic Director Mark Ochsner.

The goal of the program is to have each of the 19 section-approved sports sponsored by a wide range of the San Diego community.

Any organization or person who would like to contribute to this program, or for more information, should contact the CIF section office at 292-8165.



## Area families needed for foreign exchange students

If you have room in your hearts and room in your home, the SHARE! High School Exchange Program is seeking families in El Cajon and the surrounding areas for foreign exchange students arriving soon for academic year and semester homestays. Local families are needed to host the exchange students, who are between 15 and 18 years old, speak English, carry their own accident and health insurance, and bring their own spending money.

"It may seem early to be making plans for the next school year," says Ute Powell, the local program coordinator. "But, there are over 200 students eagerly awaiting news of their host family, so they can begin writing to them. Now is the best time to select an exchange student to ensure there will be a place in the local school, and families and students have time to communicate."

Powell helps families select a student with similar interests and provides information about the exchange program during an in-home visit. Families for all types are eligible to host: families with small children or teens, those with no children, "empty nesters," and single parent families. Host families provide a bed, meals and are expected to treat their exchange student as family members.

The SHARE! Program is sponsored by Educational Resource Development Trust (ERDT), a nonprofit educational foundation, that has been sponsoring students since 1974. ERDT/SHARE! is also officially designated as an exchange-visitor program by the United States Information Agency and is currently listed by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET), certifying that the organization complies with standards and guidelines established by CSIET and the United States Government.

Powell suggests families contact her or the national office immediately because it's important to allow adequate time for students and host families to communicate before they actually meet in mid-August. In addition, many local high schools have early enrollment deadlines and quotas for exchange students. A place is not guaranteed for an exchange student in many schools unless prior arrangements have been made.

El Cajon area families interested in learning more about student exchange or meeting with the local program coordinator can contact Powell at 461-3192 or the national office at 1-800-321-3738 or via the internet at <http://glyfix.com/erdt>. The organization also has opportunities for community-minded people to become local coordinators.

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## Sheriff's Log

March 5, 1997

3500 blk. Grove St. Auto theft. \$1,000 value.

March 11, 1997

7400 blk. Broadway. Petty theft. \$121 value.

March 12, 1997

7000 blk. Broadway. Commercial burglary. \$30 value.

6900 blk. Broadway. Commercial burglary. \$771 value.

March 13, 1997

3200 blk. Acacia St. Auto theft. \$300 value.

7700 blk. Canton Dr. Auto theft. \$1,000 value.

March 12-13, 1997

Washington St./Massachusetts Ave. Vehicle burglary. \$25 value.

March 13-14, 1997

7900 blk. Marton Dr. Vehicle burglary. \$260 value.

March 14, 1997

2900 blk. Main St. Petty theft. \$46 value.

3200 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Commercial burglary. O Value.

1300 blk. Skyline. Auto theft. \$1,500 value.

March 14-15, 1997

7300 blk. Broadway. Vehicle burglary. \$10 value.

March 15, 1997

7500 blk. Broadway. Auto theft. \$8,000 value.

March 15-16, 1997

7600 blk. North Ave. Petty theft. \$50 value.

7500 blk. North Ave. Grand theft. \$1,566 value.

6900 blk. Mount Vernon. Vehicle burglary. \$190 value.

March 15, 1997

3500 blk. Bonita St. Petty theft. \$400 value.

March 16, 1997

7500 blk. Church st. Auto theft. \$2,500 value.

March 17, 1997

7000 blk. Broadway. Strong-arm robbery. \$172 value.

March 18, 1997

7800 blk. North Ave. Vehicle burglary. \$670 value.

8000 blk. Palm St. Auto theft. \$2,000 value.

1900 blk. Washington St. Auto theft. \$5,000 value.

March 19, 1997

7000 blk. Broadway. Commercial burglary. Value unknown.

March 20, 1997

1800 blk. Englewood Dr. Auto theft. \$7,000 value.

March 21, 1997

7500 blk. Pacific Ave. Residential burglary. \$865 value.

3200 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Commercial burglary. \$1 value.

March 22, 1997

3100 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Auto theft. \$500 value.

March 23, 1997

8100 blk. Broadway. Auto theft. \$1,000 value.

## Lemon Grove Fire Log

March 7 - March 13, 1997 (Cont.)

3200 blk. Acacia St. Fall.

New Jersey Ave./Central Ave. Traffic accident.

7100 blk. West View Pl. Assault victim.

8200 blk. Mt. Vernon St. Fall.

2400 blk. Bonita St. Possible coroner's case.

1300 blk. Skyline Dr. Medical aid.

1600 blk. La Corta St. Single-engine response.

2200 blk. Washington St. Gunshot/shooting victim.

3200 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Fall.

2200 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Difficulty breathing.

3400 blk. Washington Ave. Reaction to medication.

7500 blk. Church St. Suicide/attempted suicide.

3600 blk. Olive St. Chest pains.

March 14 - March 20, 1997

3500 blk. Sweetwater Way. Difficulty breathing.

3000 blk. Washington St. Vomiting.

3400 blk. Citrus St. Medical aid.

Olive St./North Ave. Odor of natural gas/multi.

7800 blk. Broadway. Traffic accident.

7900 blk. Broadway. Diabetic problem.

1700 blk. 69th St. Vegetation fire.

3200 blk. College Pl. Difficulty breathing.

7900 blk. Lester Ave. Assault victim.

1800 blk. Denstone Pl. Medical aid.

7700 blk. Broadway. Fainting.

1400 blk. San Altos Pl. Auto vs. pedestrian.

8000 blk. Roy St. Person down.

7800 blk. Deborah Pl. Reaction to medication.

1900 blk. Siegle Dr. Evaluate for the Sheriff.

7100 blk. Central Ave. Bleeding.

8200 blk. Jefferson St. Abdominal pains.

1800 blk. Noble St. Assault victim.

3500 blk. Olive St. Single-engine response.

3200 blk. Washington St. Fall.

8200 blk. Golden Ave. Threatening suicide.

3500 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Fainting.

3200 blk. Olive Ave. Vomiting.

3200 blk. Olive Ave. Difficulty breathing.

7500 blk. Church St. Single-engine response.

7600 blk. Broadway. Dog bite.

Golden Ave./Golden View Ter. Smoke check.

7300 blk. Daytona St. Chest pains.

Hwy 94 WB/Spring St. Vehicle accident freeway.

2600 blk. Glebe Rd. Medical aid.

8100 blk. Brock Ct. Fall.

1700 blk. San Altos Pl. Asthma.

3200 blk. College Pl. Vomiting.

7000 blk. Russan Ln. Female problems.

8000 blk. Palm St. Difficulty breathing.

8400 blk. Broadway. Assault victim.

3200 blk. Acacia St. Fall.

New Jersey Ave./Central Ave. Traffic accident.

7100 blk. West View Pl. Assault victim.

8200 blk. Mt. Vernon St. Fall.

2400 blk. Bonita St. Possible coroner's case.

1300 blk. Skyline Dr. Medical aid.

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## Lemon Grove Almanac

1994 Population:	25,100
Incorporated:	1977
Area:	3.75 sq. mi.
Median income:	\$34,399
1996-97 city budget:	\$26.3 million
1996 taxable sales:	\$265 million
Mayor:	Mary Teresa Sessom
Council:	Thomas Clabby
	Craig Lake
	Dwight Shelley
	Jeff Jandura
City Manager:	Doug Yount
Planning Director:	Jim Butler
City Attorney:	Gloria McLean
City Clerk:	Christine Taub
Sheriff's Capt.:	Yolanda Collins
Fire Chief:	Dale Chamberlain
Congressional district:	52nd - Duncan Hunter
State Senate district:	40th - Steve Peace
State Assembly district:	77th - Steve Baldwin
Supervisory district:	2nd - Dianne Jacob
High school:	
Libraries:	1
Post offices:	1
Parks:	4
Recreation centers:	1

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# Lakeside National LL has many dedicated volunteers

By Greg Eichelberger

While the Lakeside American Little League received all of the media attention last week, with the dedication of Matt LaChappa Park and the festivities surrounding that event, the parents, coaches and players of the community's National League organization continued to toil in relative obscurity, battling on fields that are less than pristine, but maintained nicely enough.

One such team in the multi-squad organization, the Tee Ball Yankees, coached by Mike Jernigan, Brian Macky, Eddie Mylan and Laura Wilson, among others, catches young-

sters at the very beginning of their baseball education (ages 4 through 7), and, in some ways, may determine whether a child opts to keep playing the sport, or moves on to other endeavors.

All are first-year managers who were persuaded to take over the Yanks because no one else was available. But despite the frustrations of running a team where few of the children know the game, all are satisfied that they made the right decision.

"It's definitely a challenge at this age," said Hoover High grad and former Marine Jernigan, whose sons, Andy and Dillon, play on the team, and who also owns San Diego Asphalt, the group's sponsor.

Jernigan said it is fun to watch them progress. Initially, most of them can't catch or throw, and have little or no concept of what the sport is all about. He added that gradually, almost day-by-day, you see one kid, then others, begin to grasp the little things, and, hopefully, by the end of the season, they can all understand the game and move on to a different level.

Considering the 11 boys and one girl as his own, Jernigan tries to downplay his role as the big, bad coach they will encounter enough times throughout their athletic lives.

He even allows various kids to come to his house for a swim instead of practicing in the often sweltering Lakeside climate, and attempts to guide, rather than force them into comprehending the game.

He also believes that if he treats them like his own, they will, hopefully, do anything for him; and so far he hasn't been disappointed.

"They're a good group of kids," said the first-year coach, a SDSU alum, after a recent Saturday contest. "There will be plenty of time for them to learn the nuances of baseball. Right now it's important that they get the basics and learn to play and cooperate as a team."

And while he understands that some kids will progress faster than others, at no matter what age or ability level, Jernigan and his coaches feel that all have the potential to be better players and ultimately, better citizens.

This is something that parent/coach Wilson concurs with. She said he thinks it's exciting and a really good basis for them to learn teamwork, sportsmanship and to develop a good attitude. She has a son, Zack, and a daughter, Samantha, on the Yankees.

She added that it is really nice to have an activity which challenges them and helps them excel at something.

Born in Oregon, she played tennis and volleyball in high school, and believes sports is a way to keep kids out of trouble, as well as a great learning tool to get along with others, deal with conflicts and have a lot of fun.

Fun is what these youngsters are having in games in which everybody plays, everybody bats, no score is kept and parents are on the field at all times to help their little ones with a some well-timed verbal instructions.

Macky, a 20-year coaching



Mike Jernigan points out second base to Zack Wilson, 6, at a recent Yankees Tee Ball contest in Lakeside.

Photo by Greg Eichelberger

veteran of the soccer wars and Valhalla graduate, currently teaches math at Point Loma High School, and came on board because he wanted to help out his son, Cameron, who plays for the Yankees, as well.

"When we found out that this team didn't have a coach, we volunteered to help them out, otherwise they would not be given an opportunity to compete," he said. He noted that the things that adult fans and participants of the game take for granted, such as running the bases or catching the ball, are kind of foreign to some of these kids, so it's both fun and frustrating, in a way.

He also indicated that en-

tire practices are devoted to such basics as running to first, or throwing to the right base, all of which can pay dividends in the future.

Aided by his wife, Linda, Jernigan, like Macky and Wilson, feels that he will most likely coach until his sons move up the Little League ladder, and then follow them, so that he can be involved with their progress.

"What I'd like to be remembered for by these kids, and I think all of the coaches and parents feel the same way, is that I taught them to play fair and try hard, following the rules along the way," he said. "That's important to us."

## Sports Beat with Greg Eichelberger

Hello again, and, of course, by the time you read this, it will be baseball season! The hometown boys of summer will take on the hapless New York Mets this very afternoon.

Yes, finally, the cold, dark void of everlasting despair is over and it's time to party like it's 1999, or something like that. And for those who attended the Padre/SDSU fundraising exhibition game on Friday (won by the Padres, 16-0), and saw a big, fat guy on a crutch in the photo well, guess what? That was me!

We'll get to the local sports report in a moment, but we do have some sad news to report. Following on the heels of the passing of Tierra del Sol's Ed Curtis last month, Coy Owens, a coach, teacher and athletic director at Granite Hills High School, died at his home of cancer last week. Owens, 51, leaves behind a wife of 30 years, Coleen; a daughter, Cristi; a son, Coy; as well as various other family members and grieving past and present students and colleagues.

We, at Forum Publications, express our sincerest condolences to those feeling the loss of this active and energetic East County spirit. Donations in lieu of flowers can be sent to the Coy Owens Memorial Fund, Granite Hills High School, 1719 E. Madison Ave., El Cajon CA 92019.

Congratulations to the Grossmont High Foothillers, who captured the 47th annual Baseball Tournament (Classic Division) with a 7-1 victory over Montgomery. In a previous contest, Grossmont (11-1) also dismantled last year's CIF champion Mission Bay, 9-4.

Recently, the sports editor-guy, brought to my attention that two area men participated in the Bobby Riggs Senior Tennis Tournament. Now, I'm passing the info on to you. El Cajon's John Ash defeated his Oceanside opponent, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1, while Paul Dunkin, of Lakeside, lost his match in straight sets, 6-1, 6-2. There, now that I've written about tennis I won't have to do it again until next year.

On Saturday, a golf tourney benefitting the Valhalla High School baseball team will be held at the Rancho San Diego Country Club. The \$75 entry fee covers greens charges, cart rental and a barbeque dinner. Door prize donations are needed, though. For more information, call 442-2939. You know our own Norrie West will be on hand for this event.

Special thanks to Marc Carucci of United Cerebral Palsy for faxing me the following bit of sports news: Kendall Harmon, of Spring Valley, has been a San Diego Bullet wheelchair soccer player for the past five years. Recently he and his mates traveled to Rhode Island for the 1996-97 National Championship playoffs. We won't tell you what happened because there is a feature story coming out about him, but we will say that he has already won postseason MVPs in 1994 and 1995 for his third-ranked Bullets.

Well, that's all for this week, but stay tuned, there's a whole lot more recreation information coming your way, and, if you call me at 390-7103, some of it may just be your own. Have a great sports week.

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